



## Carol Joanne Ontis

January 14, 1934 - November 14, 2016

Carol Joanne Ontis, 82, died on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born January 14, 1934, in Alton, she was the daughter of Henry and Anna (Fluck) Schenk. Her childhood was spent at Hellrung Playground with friends and neighbors that she kept all her life. Joanne attended St. Patrick's Church and School in Alton, graduated from Marquette Catholic High School in 1952, and went on to work at Millers Mutual Insurance. On June 20, 1953, she married Dale Ontis in Alton. He preceded her in death on September 17, 2012.

Joanne retired from the Alton School District after many years of cooking for and feeding children at East Jr, West Jr, and Thomas Jefferson to name a few. She loved feeding people and volunteered for years as a cook, seamstress, chaperone, and stand-in mom for the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps where she made many lifelong friends. Also a proud member of the Red Hat Society, she so enjoyed her tea times and lunches with the ladies. Mrs. Ontis was an active member at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and upon its closing, volunteered at St. Mary's in the school library and cooking for funeral luncheons until she was no longer able. Children were her life, be it her own seven, her grandchildren, great grandchildren, or those of friends and neighbors, she loved them all. Joanne was generous to a fault, always thinking of others, and a loyal friend to so many. She was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are two daughters: Diane Varble (Pete Herren) of Dow, and Tricia (Steve) Dawson of Indianapolis, IN, five sons: Terry (Rhonda) Ontis of East Alton, Tim Ontis of Alton, Tom (Gina) Ontis of Brevard, NC, Tony Ontis of Alton and Todd Ontis of Alton, eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and dear friends and neighbors too numerous to name (but you know who you are), and her wiener dog that she loved so much. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a grandchild, Stacy Varble, a son-in-law, Rick Varble, and two brothers, Ronald and Jay Schenk.

Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, November 18, 2016, at Gent Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joseph's Cemetery**

525 East 4th Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Joanne Ontis*



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**Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - November 18, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Carol Joanne Ontis*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Carol Joanne Ontis*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ I remember Joanne well when I was a child. My Mother and her were wonderful "night time phone friends." I was fortunate to hear all about her and her lovely family of children, grandchildren and friends through my Mother. May she light up Heaven as she did Earth. Soar with the angels!!! Her obituary is a beautiful tribute to the Lady she was.

*My Sympathy to all,,,*

*Jane Edelen Bracht  
Auburn, Alabama*

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**Jane E. Bracht** - November 20, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MG

“ *Mechelle Gibbs lit a candle in memory of  
Carol Joanne Ontis*



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**Mechelle Gibbs** - November 20, 2016 at 02:56 AM

LW

“ *always there when you needed her once even on New Years eve.  
You will be missed. Angels in Heaven are rejoicing tho. Rest in  
Peace my friend.*

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**Linda Wilson** - November 18, 2016 at 02:13 PM

KV

“ *Joanne, thank you for being a great friend to my Mom. You were loved and will be missed.* ”



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**Kelly Vandersand** - November 18, 2016 at 01:42 PM

JW

“ *We both have happy memories of Joanne, our classmate at Marquette! She always had a smile. We loved her wry sense of humor. The world has lost a bright light, we send our loving sympathy to the family. May God comfort you!* ”  
*Sincerely, Jim & Sue Winkler*

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**Jim & Sue Winkler** - November 18, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ *Joanne has been a lifelong friend of my mom's , Eunice Wolf (Malson), ..and I grew up hearing stories of their friendship ...long days at the playground...the dances...my mom talking about walking down to her house for a soda pop...growing up together, getting married...having families of their own...their friendship remained for over 70 plus years.* ”  
*A true testament to loyalty and friendship...Joanne, you will be missed.....*  
*angels over you.....much love....bambi....(Eunice's daughter)*

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**Bams Swift-Wolf** - November 18, 2016 at 01:26 PM

JJ

“ Joanne, a few years ago after your husband passed, food didn't taste the same for you, I am glad that I was able to turn you on to grilled pineapple and asparagus which you seem to love, and then there were the white chocolate caramels that I tried to replicate for you last year. Be at peace, you have a strong family that will lift each other up.

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**Juli Jacobson** - November 18, 2016 at 11:49 AM

LB

“ Love, Brett & Tracy Buttry purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carol Joanne Ontis.



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**Love, Brett & Tracy Buttry** - November 17, 2016 at 05:42 PM

CS

“ Many Friday night's working bingo at St. Pat's. To all the family, so sorry for your loss. She was a great and giving person.

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**Caren Stephan** - November 16, 2016 at 05:56 PM

BO

“ There isn't enough room on the entire internet to share all the memories Joanne and I experienced in the last 35 years. We had so many belly laughs, laughs making tears stream down our faces. Way to many to mention in this small place. I will miss her terribly until we meet again in the house Our Father has prepared for us. Love you Joanne.

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**Bonnie** - November 16, 2016 at 07:42 AM

JM

*Wow just wow! There are several women that stand out from a child's perspective and she was one of them. She had class, she had style and she had a heart of gold. As I adult, I got a chance to visit her and realized I adored her just as much as a adult as I did as a child. She was very close to my mom and I know was loved by many. My heart goes out to her family and all who knew her. You and I are truly the lucky ones. Heaven has got their angel back. Her smile was contagious and her laugh was amazing. Mrs. Omit's thank you for being on this Earth at the same time we were.*

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**judy mathews** - November 16, 2016 at 08:26 PM

BA

*Dear Diane and family, I am so sorry to hear this about your lovely mom....deepest sympathy to you.*

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**barb** - November 18, 2016 at 09:50 AM